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 GUIDE IN COMBINATION WITH AN MS DEVICE
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 Examiner : James J. Leybourne
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 Date: : January 5, 2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action of October 3, 2003.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1 to 41 are in the case.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC, s. 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 16, 29, 31, 33, 42 and 43 as allegedly unpatentable over Clemmer (U.S. patent No. 6,326,482) in view of Russ IV et al. (U.S. patent No. 6,417,511), and has rejected claims 5, 6, 8-19, 21, 23-25, 29, 30 and 32-35 as being unpatentable over Clemmer in view of Russ IV et al. as applied to claim 1 and in further view of Thomson (U.S. patent No. 6,111,250), and in still further view of Smith (U.S. patent No. 6,107,628). These rejections are respectfully traversed, and it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the combined teachings of Clemmer, Russ IV et al., Thomson and Smith. Before addressing this argument in detail, a brief description of the invention and relevant aspects of the prosecution history thus far is provided below.

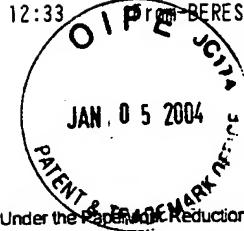
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The present invention relates to a hybrid mobility-mass spectrometry apparatus, and a new method of using such a hybrid device. The hybrid mobility-mass spectrometry

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